

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9 (CANCELED):

10 (NEW): An optical apparatus comprising:

a light-quantity adjusting apparatus,

wherein the light-quantity adjusting apparatus comprising:

a main body that includes a fixed opening through which light passes;

a drive source;

plural light-blocking members that are moved in a region overlapping the fixed opening in an optical axis direction to change an area of a light-passing aperture formed by the plural light-blocking members;

a neutral density filter that is movable in another region overlapping the fixed opening in the optical axis direction; and

a drive mechanism that drives the plural light-blocking members and the neutral density filter by drive force from the driving source,

wherein the drive mechanism includes a first drive member that receives the drive force from the drive source to be operated to drive the plural light-blocking members, and a second drive member that receives drive force from the first drive member to be operated to drive the neutral density filter, and

wherein the second drive member does not receive the drive force from the first drive member until the area of the light-passing aperture reaches a predetermined area, and receives the drive force from the first drive member after the area of the light-passing

aperture reaches the predetermined area to be operated to drive the neutral density filter at a moving speed higher than that of the plural light-blocking members with respect to the fixed opening.

11 (NEW): The optical apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the second drive member drives the neutral density filter with changing the moving speed of the neutral density filter.

12 (NEW): The optical apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the second drive member is provided with a projection portion, and a holding member that holds the neutral density filter includes a long-hole portion with which the projection portion engages, and wherein the long-hole portion has a bent shape.

13 (NEW): The optical apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the second drive member is provided with a projection portion, and a holding member that holds the neutral density filter includes a straight long-hole portion with which the projection portion engages, and wherein the second drive member rotates to drive the holding member with changing a drive force transmission direction to the holding member with respect to a longitudinal direction of the straight long-hole portion.

14 (NEW): The optical apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the first drive member comes into contact with the second drive member to drive the second drive member, and wherein the second drive member includes a cam surface that is formed at a portion with which the first drive member comes into contact.

15 (NEW): The optical apparatus according to claim 10, wherein, in the neutral density filter, as compared to a width of a portion that covers the light-passing aperture first, a width of a portion that covers the light-passing aperture second is smaller.